

The daughter of Timothy and Laura Donovan, Maddie was born and raised in Oswego, New York, and has enthusiastically worked on behalf of her community since she was a child, as a founding member of St. Stephen the King's Youth Group, a member of Oswego County's Youth Court, and an officer on Oswego County's Student Advisory Council.

She is a graduate of Nazareth College of Rochester and has called Watertown, New York, home for the past eight years.

Maddie is passionate about her home state. She loves discussing the remarkable history of our region and is always eager to point out to others just what makes Northern New York so unique. Whenever I travel across our great district, I run into veterans, seniors and farmers that she has worked tirelessly to help. I know that she will always carry a piece of the North Country with her in her heart, and it is bittersweet to wish Maddie all my best going forward.

I am grateful for her incredible service to our district.

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RECOGNIZING 2018 WORLD WIDE  
PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION  
DAY AND H. RES. 1133

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**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring awareness to the 2018 World Wide Pressure Injury Prevention Day and to express my support for H. Res. 1133 which I recently introduced to raise awareness to an epidemic affecting our country and the entire world.

Pressure injuries and their associated complications lead to over 60,000 deaths in patients per year, affect over 2 million Americans, and cost the United States health care system nearly \$11 billion annually.

Between 2016 and 2017, hospital-acquired pressure injury incidence rates increased by 58.4 percent. Clearly we need additional research to advance treatments for pressure injury patients. This will also relieve the financial burden on government and health care providers around the country.

World Wide Pressure Injury Prevention Day, observed annually on the third Thursday in November, and the National Pressure Ulcer/Injury Prevention Day proposed in H. Res. 1133, serve as reminders for all that we must do more if we hope to overcome this challenging health care dilemma.

I look forward to working with the House Energy and Commerce Committee in considering H. Res. 1133 for the benefit of all Americans to reduce the prevalence and impact of this overlooked, yet devastating health care condition.

CONGRATULATING THE STERLING  
HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN WAR-  
RIORS FOR WINNING THE CLASS  
3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN  
VOLLEYBALL

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**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Sterling High School Golden Warriors for earning the Class 3A title for the Illinois State Championship in volleyball.

Claiming a state title is something to be proud of and I would like to recognize them for their tremendous accomplishment. Their dedication and passion for their sport meant that they were determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Sterling throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Sterling High School Golden Warriors Volleyball Team on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I erroneously voted YES on roll call vote number 418, and I would like to reflect that I intended to vote NO.

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IN MEMORY OF GERALDINE SAMS

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**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Geraldine Sams, who passed away earlier this year. Although she was born and raised in Connecticut, Mrs. Sams leaves a strong legacy of compassion and dedication to North Texas.

Mrs. Sams will be remembered for her long service to her fellow Americans. After earning her undergraduate degree at Central Connecticut State University and a Master of Social Work from Columbia University, Mrs. Sams spent ten years as a social worker at the New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. Later in 1979, she moved to Texas and continued to work at both the Denton State Supported Living Center and Lewisville Medical Center. In 1991, Mrs. Sams founded Geri-Options Geriatric Care Management, through which she helped countless North Texans and their families.

In 2006, she pioneered Stepping Stones, a program to provide care for adults with dementia and support for their caregivers. Thanks to its success, the program has be-

come a joint program with Texas Women's University School of Occupational Therapy, where Mrs. Sams taught courses for students studying social work.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Sams exemplified commitment to compassionate care. As an active member of the North Texas community, she was a founding member of AIDS of Denton and the South Central Chapter of the Aging Life Care Association. Mrs. Sams also was an active member of Health Services of North Texas and the Alzheimer's Advisory Board. For her efforts, she was recognized with awards from both the National Association of Social Work and Health Services of North Texas.

I am deeply grateful for Geraldine Sams' long service, which touched the lives of North Texans and Americans around the country. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I recognize her significant contributions to our region, and express my condolences to her family and all who knew her.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
McGRAW

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**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of John McGraw, a World War II veteran and resident of Fulton, New York. On November 18, 2018, Mr. McGraw was recognized as the oldest member of the Fulton First United Methodist Church. A lifelong citizen of Central New York, Mr. McGraw has made vast contributions to his community and our nation.

John McGraw was born in Fulton, New York in 1921. His father worked for the Sealright Company and John followed in his father's footsteps. He worked as a mechanist at the local plant and helped produce paper containers used for food and beverages. When America entered World War II in 1941, John answered the call of duty and began service with the United States Army. John was among the brave infantrymen who stormed the beaches of Normandy on June 6th, 1944, as a part of the D-Day Invasion. Landing on Omaha Beach with B Company during the second wave of the invasion, John's duty was to disarm active landmines so his fellow soldiers could advance up the beach. His courage, along with the courage of hundreds of other soldiers, helped make the D-Day Invasion a success and shifted momentum towards the Allies for the rest of World War II. Today, John is the last surviving member of B Company who fought in the D-Day Invasion.

After the war, John continued to serve in the best interest of the public. He began working for the Fulton Auxiliary Police Force as an officer in 1948 and remained there until 1963. While with the force, John diligently protected Fulton from crime by paying close attention to detail and taking action when he noticed injustice. In addition, he continued his work as a Sealright mechanist. His children joined him at the company, just as he had joined his father.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life of John McGraw. He is exemplary of courage and honor, two values that are pillars of our country. Mr. McGraw's service to

his community and country is a standard that all Americans should strive to live by. I thank him, as well as all our great veterans, for protecting this great nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 418.

#### ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP

### HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of World Antibiotic Week to raise awareness of antibiotic resistance and of ways to reduce and prevent it. Antibiotic resistance is one of the most urgent threats to our nation's public health, as it affects patients, our health care system, and others worldwide. According to the CDC, each year about 2 million people are sickened due to resistant infections and 23,000 lives are lost. While antibiotics are highly effective at treating bacterial infections, overuse and misuse of antibiotics has led to resistant strains of bacteria and so-called "super bugs" that are hard or impossible to treat and will spread to other people.

This is why we must protect the integrity of our antibiotic arsenal. One way this is achieved is through effective stewardship. Stewardship is giving the right antibiotic to the right person at the right time. Patients must first be tested to determine if they have a bacterial infection, then determine what type of infection, and lastly, determine the drug that best targets the infection. Without monitoring antibiotic usage, patients can be prescribed unnecessary antibiotics that lead to ineffective treatments.

Healthcare professionals and hospitals are on the front lines in defending the public against antibiotic resistance, but they cannot do it alone. Effective stewardship programs need the right resources and funds to ensure that patient's bacterial infections are properly prescribed and administered. When done correctly, stewardship programs can reduce costs, improve patient outcomes, and reduce incidence of infections.

Mr. Speaker, we must come together to address this critical public health concern. As hospitals and healthcare professionals come together to combat antibiotic resistance, we must stand alongside them and encourage the implementation and duration of stewardship programs. Our nation's health depends on it.

HONORING CHARITY DEAN, MD/  
MPH

### HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the contributions of Dr. Charity Dean to Santa Barbara County's Public Health Office.

Following rigorous medical studies and a master's degree in public health and tropical medicine from Tulane University, Dr. Charity Dean began her distinguished career in Santa Barbara practicing internal medicine at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. She went on to serve in the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department as Physician Health Officer. She also served as a commissioner at the First 5 Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission and as a fellow at the California Health Care Foundation.

Dr. Dean has been on the front lines of public health, striving to keep our community safe from serious illnesses. She played a crucial role in hospital disaster response in Santa Barbara County, especially after the Thomas Fire and January's mudslide in Montecito. For her dedication to the health and wellbeing of Santa Barbara County, she has been recognized by many organizations, most recently as the Central Coast Medical Association's 2017 Physician of the Year. As a newly appointed Assistant Director at the California Department of Health, she will touch the lives of all Californians.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Dr. Dean on her service to Santa Barbara County and her new role at the California Department of Health.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN VOLPI

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Volpi of Lone Star Analysis, who will retire in December. His career leaves an indelible mark on the State of Texas and our nation.

Born and raised in Chicago, John moved to Texas after graduate school at Michigan State. He joined Texas Instruments where he helped usher in modern radar technologies including low level terrain following, and he was a leader in commercial electronics including low cost LORAN.

John's teams created technologies that we all depend on today. He led the creation of miniaturized high-performance GPS. He led the development of smart cell phone antennas needed for 4G and 5G base stations. John was perhaps the most important influence at a critical point when DoD decided whether to use GPS for weapons. Today, we assume JDAM and many other smart munitions use GPS. That might not have happened without John's influence.

John is an expert in intellectual property. He holds a large number of patents, awarded and pending. He was a key voice in the patent strategy at Texas Instruments, and later at Raytheon.

He left the world of large corporations to become Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Incucomm Inc., a business incubator. Incucomm played a critical role in the successful launch of several companies and touched more than 300 tech startups in North Texas. One of the companies born in that incubator was Lone Star Analysis, where John now serves as CTO.

In 2012, John was awarded the Tech Titans Award for Corporate CTO by the DFW Metroplex Technology Business Counsel out of a pool of 4,000 firms. The Tech Titans Award was only one of many awards and accolades he has earned over his illustrious career.

In addition to his achievements, John has been an important mentor and teacher in Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology. John led Lone Star's internship program for many years. In some cases, he personally tutored young engineering students. His commitment was "none of our interns will fail any of their classes." He has been an asset for North Texas universities and their students. In fact, he personally has taught nearly all the new employees at Lone Star.

John leaves a legacy of excellence, compassion, and impact. Texas and our nation are better places because of the life he has led. I am grateful for his service, and wish him well in his retirement.

#### IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF EDGAR DAVID GROSS, WT2c NAVY RE- SERVE

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 16, 2018*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Edgar David Gross, WT2c Navy Reserve.

Edgar was born on October 25, 1902 in Athens, Alabama. He was the youngest of 10 children born to George and Susan Gross.

Edgar was married to Anne Pearl Gross and did not have any children. Edgar was a water tender 2nd class (WT2c) in the U.S. Naval Reserve and served aboard the USS *Oklahoma* (BB-37).

He was killed on December 7, 1941, during the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The USS *Oklahoma* was moored at berth F-5, outboard of the USS *Maryland*, at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor when attacked by Japanese forces. The USS *Oklahoma* suffered multiple torpedo hits which caused it to capsize. 429 sailors and Marines were killed, including Edgar. Only 32 men were saved.

In 2003, the POW/MIA Accounting Command disinterred the first casket of unknowns from the USS *Oklahoma* to identify. The remainder of caskets were disinterred until 2015 and Edgar's remains were identified officially on November 3, 2018.

A funeral and burial ceremony for Edgar will be held on Memorial Day 2019 at Cherry Grove Baptist Church in Athens followed by his burial at the family cemetery, Evans Cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of this brave American hero who is finally coming home.